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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

Please enter the following changes to the specification into the file of the above-identified application in response to the Notice to Comply with 37 CFR 1.121 (b)(1)(ii)-(iii) mailed March 23, 2001 pertaining thereto. A clean version of the pages of the specification which have been amended has been provided herein, as well as a version with markings to show changes made, in order to better facilitate the Examiner's understanding of the present invention. Applicants believe that the specification is now fully in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 (b)(1)(ii)-(iii) and therefore respectfully request favorable consideration of all remaining claims on the merits in light of the amendment made herein.

AUTHORIZATION

No fee is believed due for this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to make any charges or credits to Greenberg Traurig, LLP's Deposit Account No. 501561.

Respectfully submitted,

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